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Suspect Flees After Firing At Officers

Columbus Police is investigating an early morning shooting involving a suspect in the North Linden area.

On January 22, 2017, at approximately 1:44 a.m. officers were on routine patrol when they observed a vehicle driving through the area. The officers began following the vehicle and shortly thereafter the driver of the vehicle began to drive recklessly.

The vehicle went over the curb at the intersection of Manchester Avenue and Dresden Street and then the driver and a passenger took off on foot and the officers gave chase to the driver.

While running in the backyard of a home in the 1400 block of Manchester Avenue the suspect fired at the officers. One officer returned fire and the suspect ran away.

It does not appear that the suspect or the officer was wounded.

At this point in the investigation the suspect is only being described as a black male.

A U.S. Marshals canine also assisted in this investigation.

This is the 1st police involved shooting in 2017.

As in all police involved shootings, the involved officer(s) will receive mandated psychological support counseling. Officers are also afforded an opportunity to take leave time to assist in recovery from a traumatic experience. This incident will be investigated by the Critical Incident Response Team (made up of specially trained investigators from the Homicide Units). The final investigative package will be forwarded to the Columbus Division of Police Firearms/Police-Involved Death Review Board and the Chain-Of-Command for review.

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